

City of Las Vegas

AGENDA MEMO

CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATE: JANUARY 21, 2009

DEPARTMENT: PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

ITEM DESCRIPTION: MSH-29859 - OWNER/APPLICANT: CITY OF LAS VEGAS

THIS ITEM WAS HELD IN ABEYANCE FROM THE NOVEMBER 19, 2008 CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT THE REQUEST OF COUNCILMAN BARLOW.

**** CONDITIONS ****

The Planning Commission (5-0-2/bg/rt vote) and staff recommend APPROVAL, subject to:

Public Works

1. City Staff is empowered to modify this application, if necessary, for technical concerns or other related review actions provided current City of Las Vegas requirements are still complied with and the intent of the submitted Master Plan of Streets and Highways is satisfied.

**** STAFF REPORT ****

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This is a request to amend the Master Plan of Streets and Highways for a proposed 82-foot wide Collector to serve as an east and west connection between Veteran's Memorial Parkway and Maryland Parkway north of Harris Avenue and add Veteran's Memorial Drive as an 80-foot Collector between Bonanza Road and the proposed new Collector Street. The additional roadways and right-of-way widths are in response to the proposed 5th Street Super Arterial located in the City of North Las Vegas. The additional roadways and right-of-way widths will mitigate traffic volumes along Las Vegas Boulevard. Also, the new roadway will create additional connectivity for the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) route from Downtown area to Las Vegas Boulevard. This will be accomplished, by the construction of the proposed Cultural Vista Parkway and proposed expansion of Veteran's Memorial Parkway.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

<i>Related Relevant City Actions by P&D, Fire, Bldg., etc.</i>	
08/21/02	City Council accepted ownership and maintenance of Las Vegas Boulevard from the State of Nevada Department of Transportation.
10/23/08	The Planning Commission voted 5-0-2/bg/rt to recommend APPROVAL (PC Agenda Item #49/bts).
<i>Related Building Permits/Business Licenses</i>	
There are no building permits or business licenses related to this action.	
<i>Pre-Application Meeting</i>	
A pre-application meeting was not required with this request.	
<i>Neighborhood Meeting</i>	
09/17/08	A community meeting was held with six people in attendance. There was some concern regarding the new BRT route going down Veteran's Memorial Drive but no one voiced opposition to the new street.

<i>Field Check</i>	
08/18/08	The field check indicated the proposed location of the 82-foot Collector, which is indicated as Cultural Vista Parkway; and the proposed 80-foot designation for Veteran's Memorial Parkway.

<i>Special Districts/Zones</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Compliance</i>
Special Area Plan		X	
<i>Special Districts/Zones</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Compliance</i>
Special Purpose and Overlay Districts			
A-O (Airport Overlay) District (200-foot)	X		Y*
Las Vegas Boulevard Scenic Byway Overlay District	X		Y**
Downtown North Land Use Plan	X		Y***
Trails		X	N/A
Rural Preservation Overlay District		X	N/A
Development Impact Notification Assessment		X	N/A
Project of Regional Significance		X	NA

***Airport Overlay** – The subject site is within the North Las Vegas Airport Overlay (200-foot) District. The proposed amendment to the Master Plan of Streets and Highways will not affect the Airport Overlay District.

****Las Vegas Boulevard Scenic Byway Overlay District** - The subject site is within the Las Vegas Boulevard Scenic Byway Overlay District. There are no proposed signs as a part of the subject application.

*****Downtown North Land Use Plan** – The subject site is located within the boundaries of the Downtown North Land Use Plan area.

ANALYSIS

The applicant proposes to amend the Master Plan of Streets and Highways to add Veteran's Memorial Parkway as an 80-foot wide Collector between Bonanza Road and the Harris Street alignment and for a proposed 82-foot wide Collector to serve as an east and west connection between Veteran's Memorial Parkway and Maryland Parkway just north of Harris Avenue. The additional roadways and right-of-way width are needed due to the proposed 5th Street Super Arterial, which will be located in the City of North Las Vegas. The additional roadways and right-of-way width will mitigate traffic volumes along Las Vegas Boulevard. Also, the new roadway will create additional connectivity for the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) route from the Downtown area to Las Vegas Boulevard. This will be accomplished, by the construction of the proposed Cultural Vista Parkway and proposed expansion of Veteran's Memorial Parkway.

Reclassification of Right-Of-Way		
Current Classification	Proposed Classification	Staff Recommendation
Veteran's Memorial Drive Local Collector (60-foot)	Veteran's Memorial Drive Secondary Collector (80-foot)	Approval
Undeveloped Street	Cultural Vista Parkway Secondary Collector (82-foot)	Approval

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